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From left, thyssenkrupp Elevator Company Branch Manager Justin Harmon, Office Manager Kellie Colliflower, Librarian Carrie Gardner, Account Manager Leslie Durakis and Service Supervisor Jeff Anderson pose outside Springhill Lake Elementary School with the donated books. See story on page 7.

County Food Pantry Faces Funding Crisis, Dissolution

by Melissa Sites

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So far, in 2019, Help-By-Phone has fed 40,000 people in Prince George's County. The local charity also provides winter coats, scarves and gloves for six Title One schools, and administers the Safe Haven shelter program for homeless men, which moves from church to church in the winter months, as well as other programs.

Unfortunately, Help-By-Phone is facing a financial crisis due to a drop in donations. If the trend does not change, the charity is facing dissolution in 2020. The Board of Directors said that the charity must secure \$60,000 by the end of March 2020 to cover six months of administrative and

food costs to continue to operate until the end of September 2020 and then have another \$60,000 to continue its operation. At this budget level, a few of the food items normally distributed will be cut, but what is provided will remain nutritionally sound. The pantry that serves Greenbelt is located at Berwyn Presbyterian Church.

Help-By-Phone was founded in 1968 by a group of churches that wanted to do something about hunger in Prince George's County. The first year, the charity served 1,700 people. By 2010, at the height of the recession, it served 52,000 people in one year. The organization, led by Lois Jones, coordinates the efforts of around 80 churches and organizations. It supports eight food pantries located throughout

the county.

"Help-By-Phone has been feeding the hungry in Prince

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What Goes On

Monday, December 2

8 p.m. City Council Work-session, NRP Multifamily Development Proposal, Capital Office Park, Municipal Building

Wednesday, December 4

7 p.m. City Council Work-session, Franklin Park at Leasing Office, 6220 Springhill Drive

BOE Unanimous: Greenbelt Station to Greenbelt Schools

by Gary Childs

At long last, families living in Greenbelt Station (GS) will be able to send their children to Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) and to Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The Prince George's County Board of Education (BOE) voted, at its November 21 meeting, to adjust boundaries in order to make the change. Currently, GS elementary students attend Berwyn Heights Elementary and high school students attend Parkdale High School. According to Raven Hill, a communications officer with the Office of Communications for Prince George's County Public Schools, affected families will receive notification of the approved change and details regarding implementation via postal mail in early December. In the after-

math of the unanimous (with one abstention) decision, Greenbelt Mayor Colin Byrd said that this decision was "long overdue for the great people of Greenbelt Station," and that he was "overjoyed we've got this resolution now."

A Long Wait

The Greenbelt City Council along with the residents of GS have long been asking the BOE to realign districts so that GS residents could send their children to Greenbelt schools. From the beginning, as GS was developed and homes purchased, the residents and council understood that school-aged children in these families should have been permitted to attend GES and ERHS. According to a June 20, 2019 ar-

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Work continues on the lake dam. See story on page 8.

CRAB Meets with City Council On Police/Community Matters

by Matthew Arbach

Co-chairs Jamie Krauk and Rick Ransom from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) presented two reports concerning police and community relations and a petition to end Greenbelt participation in the federal 1033 Program at a worksession of the Greenbelt City Council on November 13. Both issues were placed before CRAB for study by council, the former on July 11, 2016, and the latter on October 9, 2017.

The intent for the police/community report was to establish dialogue in light of recent national

demonstrations regarding police incidents and the Dallas sniper attack on police officers, according to the report. CRAB convened four forums in 2016 and 2017, one of which was focused on youth, in order to make a start of a communitywide conversation. The Greenbelt Police Department, as well as University of Maryland faculty Dr. Kris Marsh and Dr. Rashawn Ray, and the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA), lent their input and facilitation skills to the effort.

CRAB made the following recommendations: to have an

annual police/community forum, along with one specifically for high school students; establish a requirement for the police department to publicize their efforts in the areas of implicit bias training, the deaf community and police complaint procedure; to establish a standing citizen-member review board to consider police concerns and complaints, including positive activities on the Police Blotter, and, convening regular meetings between council and a police representative on current activities

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PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

Pear trees in their autumn garb along Hanover Parkway

Letters to the Editor

Kindness in Action

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) will be completing its third circuit of cleaning each street in Greenbelt (except for Greenbelt Road and parts of Hanover Parkway for safety reasons) as part of its Green City, Clean City Initiative. RUAK would like to share the following stories of kindness that have occurred over the past seven months.

- While cleaning Hanover Parkway in the Greenbriar area, I suddenly looked up to see an Eleanor Roosevelt High School student coming towards me picking up trash along the way;
- While cleaning Springhill Drive this past Saturday, an elementary school age child came up to me and handed me hand warmers;
- While cleaning Schrom Hills Park a number of teenagers playing basketball abruptly stopped playing after one of the players shouted “there’s the HUG guy.” The courts emptied with about 15 joining in to make Greenbelt sparkle.

These are but a few signs that makes RUAK hopeful for a positive, kind future.

Please share your stories of being the recipient of an act of kindness with RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com. Save the date March 29, 2020 for the next HUG (Help Unite Greenbelt) Walk.

Robert Goldberg-Strassler
RUAK

Writers Not in Show

I am very disappointed to learn that the Greenbelt Writers group will not be represented at the Festival of Lights arts and craft show. I have always looked forward to visiting this table, as one does not often hear about this group. Its presence at the show over the years has quietly drawn the attention of aspiring poets and writers. It was because of the encouragement of this group that my husband published his memoir which it otherwise

never would have occurred to him to do so. The Writers Group has long been an asset to Greenbelt. The jurors missed their mark this time.

Alice Murray

Conduct Issue At Youth Center

I went in there on October 29 at 8:04 in the evening. Upon entering, I was disappointed to hear a male standing at the front counter shouting profane language. He was speaking to two males staffing the counter who did not seem to mind his behavior. Why was this happening? There were younger children there who should not be exposed to this sort of behavior. Who was in charge of the facility? Why did no one ask this young man to leave or quiet down?

I think the Youth Center should have a code of conduct that will be enforced by staff.

Rick Baravechia

Klein Briefs: Racism, Climate and Palestine

Join internationally known author, social activist and filmmaker Naomi Klein for a web briefing on the connection between Palestinian liberation, white supremacy and climate justice. This talk is sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace.

At the conclusion of Klein’s talk on Zoom, those present are invited to engage in conversation about the issues addressed. The event will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center.

The event is co-hosted by Greenbelt Climate Action Network and the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition, and is open to the public.

On Screen

Marriage Story (Auditorium)

Marriage Story is Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Noah Baumbach’s incisive and compassionate look at a marriage breaking up and a family staying together. The film stars Scarlett Johansson and Adam Driver; Laura Dern, Alan Alda and Ray Liotta co-star. Peter Bradshaw of The Guardian gives the film a big thumbs-up: “Opinions may divide about Charlie and Nicole’s central rage-filled confrontation, and this does feel theatrical, but in such a lucid and intelligent way. Johansson has never been smarter or more charismatic than in this film, and Driver’s great Easter Island statue face was never more alluring. Run, don’t walk, to any cinema showing this.”

Rated R. Running time: 137 minutes

The Lighthouse (Pop-up)

From Robert Eggers, the visionary filmmaker behind modern horror masterpiece The Witch, comes this hypnotic and hallucinatory tale of two lighthouse keepers on a remote and mysterious New England island in the 1890s. Filmed in black-and-white. Starring Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe. “The Lighthouse works because of the strength of the actors’ performances, the power of their interaction, and the aura of incipient dread that saturates everything,” writes James Berardinelli in ReelViews.

Rated R. Running time: 110 minutes

JoJo Rabbit continues

- Sandy Rodgers

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MARRIAGE STORY (R)(CC)
(DVS)(2019)(137 mins)
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Sun. 2:30(OC), 5:30, 8:30 PM
Mon. 5:30, 8:30 PM
Tues. 5:30, 8:30 PM
Wed. 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 PM
Thurs. 5:30, 8:30 PM

Monday Matinee


RED RIVER
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The Pop-Up

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Fri. 2:00, 8:00 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM
Sun. 2:00(OC), 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tues. 8:00 PM
Wed. 2:00, 5:00 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

JOJO RABBIT (PG-13)(DVS)

(CC)(2019)(108 mins)
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 2:00, 8:00 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Wed. 8:00 PM
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Pete Reppert

NOT THE LAKE, THE SWAMP. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DRAIN THE SWAMP!

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Community Events

Shop on Saturday At American Legion

Anyone looking for a unique gift item may very well find it at the American Legion Auxiliary's Craft Fair on Saturday, November 30. Over 30 tables of mainly handcrafted items for gifts, decorations or maybe a special treat will be offered. Of course there will be jewelry as well as scarves, knits, soaps, fudge, ornaments, woodcraft, table decorations and wreaths. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Door prizes every 20 minutes and a Chinese Auction are featured. This year there will be interactive tables where you can get your nails decorated, choose an item and get it personalized on the spot or attend a jewelry-making exhibit. There is no admission charge so come on up, avoid the shopping center crowds, browse for that perfect gift, have a snack and maybe win a door prize.

Community Compost Recycles Food Scraps

Learn how to recycle food scraps at the hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Join with neighbors to participate in a system that turns food scraps and wood chips into compost. Keep food scraps from creating methane at the landfill. Instead, return them to the earth to nurture new plants and flowers.

A free 90-minute training session will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Additional trainings will occur in 2020, exact dates to be determined.

To participate and sign up for training, apply online at this address: <http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1>.

Email questions to: GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com.

Golden Age Club December Schedule

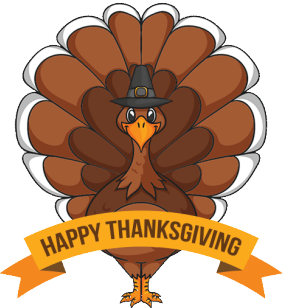
The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to participate in the meetings and join the group. As colder weather approaches, note that the meeting will not be held when schools are closed and may start late due to weather.

Programs for December:

December 4 – Business Meeting
December 11 – Another mini-holiday sale and Paparazzi display of reasonably priced jewelry for the holidays, by member Joyce Bailey

December 18 – Holiday Potluck and Birthday luncheon; bring a special dish to share

December 25 – No meeting – Merry Christmas



ERHS Grad Night Hams It Up

Just in time for holiday diners, purchase a gift card for a delicious Honey Baked Ham and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night Committee will receive 20 percent of the sale.

Go to the URL below to purchase plastic or electronic gift cards, which can be used to shop online or in-store at any Honey Baked Ham store. With locations nationwide, the store's gift cards make wonderful gifts for friends and family around the country.

The fundraiser runs from now until December 20, covering the full holiday season. For more information, visit honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/erhs.

Silent Meditation Nurtures Peace

A meditation group meets on Tuesdays at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This gathering is a time to pray for oneself, others and the world in silence. It nurtures inner and outer peace. It reinforces the oneness of all people and creation.

The format for this group is: introductions, 30 minutes of silence and then some sharing. All are welcome to attend, regardless of one's belief system. For more information, contact Patience Robbins at patience.robbins@gmail.com.

Save Box Tops For GES PTA

Save your Box Tops for Education to support Greenbelt Elementary School. At 10 cents each, these little coupons add up, bringing hundreds of dollars per year to the school.

Find box tops on common products like Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Nature Valley, Totino's, Old El Paso, Annie's snacks, Yoplait, Fiber One, Chex, Paper Mate, Nestlé Pure Life, Lysol and Boise. Drop those box tops off in the box in the school lobby, or at the front counter of the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Some product packages now say "No more clipping ... Scan the receipt" because the box top program is transitioning to a mobile app. One can automatically get credit for box top items up to 14 days after purchase just by taking a picture of the grocery receipt. The mobile app is available for download via iPhone or Android phone, and one can set up an account to benefit Greenbelt Elementary School. Additionally, the app offers monthly bonus box top credits for featured products.

Traditional clip-off box tops will be phased out over the next year or so. Most participating brands are allowing double dipping through the end of 2019, so clip the traditional box tops and also scan the receipt for double earnings.

Email receipts coming from Target, Walmart, Sam's Club or Instacart containing box top items earn credit too; just forward them to receipts@boxtops4education.com.

Greenbelt Elementary School is thankful for everyone's help and support of the box top project.

Community Church Christmas Concert

All are welcome to enjoy a Christmas concert at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, on Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m., featuring traditional, classical and popular holiday music and a cookie sale.

The concert will begin with classical Christmas music performed by local violinist Rachel Alexander, followed by a selection of solos and duets by singers Carol Bellamy, Jim Tilton and Ken Littlefield. Then all present may join voices for a singalong of traditional Christmas hymns.

During intermission, a Christmas-themed bake sale in the social hall will offer a merry gathering, and many delicious options to impress holiday guests without the work of baking.

During the second half of the show, a favorite local band, The Relics, will perform popular contemporary Christmas songs to get everybody started Rockin' around the Christmas Tree. The whole event should, depending on how much fun everyone is having, last under two hours.

A freewill offering will be welcomed, with proceeds to be split between two charitable organizations. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Prince George's County, Inc. is a volunteer-based organization that partners with the juvenile court to improve the lives of children living in foster care who have suffered from abuse and neglect. Casa Ruby, run and led by transgender women of color, is the only LGBTQ bilingual and multicultural organization in the area providing social services and programs catering to the most vulnerable.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communications and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Museum to Hold Deco the Halls



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GREENBELT MUSEUM

A wreath adorns the door of the Museum, 10-B Crescent Road.

The Greenbelt Museum annual holiday open house, Deco the Halls, will be held on Friday, December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. A celebration of Art Deco and vintage holiday decorations, it immediately follows the city's tree lighting ceremony. The historic house glimmers and sparkles in the festive warmth of holiday lights. See the treasured menorah and admire the collection of holiday pins and Christmas cards in the master bedroom. After a quick (free!) tour of the museum house at 10-B Crescent, peruse the gift shop, which will be freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. For more information, visit greenbeltmuseum.org or call 301-507-6582.

The Greenbelt Museum will be closed this coming Sunday, December 1, so that docents may enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend with their families.

Springhill Lake Family Activities

Every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. through December 15 there are group games and drop-in gym time for families at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, December 7, Outdoor Stewardship Volunteer Event. Join the Invasive Plant Team as they monitor and repel the growing threat of invasive plants and insects in Greenbelt Park. Learn valuable information that not only helps the park, but can help protect vulnerable species in the region. Meet at the Park Headquarters at 11 a.m. This event lasts until 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, Military and Access pass distribution at Joint Base Andrews Food Court (near the exchange entrance). Military passes and Access passes for veterans with disabilities will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Phantom Tollbooth Opens at GAC Nov 29

Greenbelt Arts Center presents The Phantom Tollbooth, opening the day after Thanksgiving. In this play, the beloved children's fantasy adventure comes to life as Milo and faithful watchdog Tock travel to the Lands Beyond to rescue Princess Sweet Rhyme and Princess Pure Reason from the Castle-in-the-Air.

The play, which features many Greenbelt residents both on- and off-stage, will appeal to all ages, with its fast action and amusing wordplay. Shows run from Friday, November 29 to Sunday, December 15, with performances on Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



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Friday Nov 29 - Thursday Dec 5

7 am	Greenbelt News Reel
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	GATe Classic Film: A Matter of Life and Death (1946) Made possible by a grant from Maria's Beauty Shop
11 am	Greenbelt Discussion
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THE CHROMATICS

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Obituaries

Catherine S. Cawley

Catherine “Kay” S. Cawley, 96, of Laramie, Wyo., a former resident of Greenbelt, died October 27, 2019, at the Villa Health and Rehabilitation Center in DeLand, Fla.

Born in Riverton, Wyo., she was the daughter of the late Bonta J. and Anna D. Carnall. A graduate of Laramie High School, she enrolled at the University of Wyoming in 1940. Three months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, while a sophomore at the university, she received a telegram from the War Department offering her a position in Washington, D.C., for “the duration of the emergency.” She reported for work there in March of 1942 and remained with the War Department until World War II ended. In 1946 she took a new position at the U. S. Treasury Department.

Mrs. Cawley continued working for the federal government in positions of increasingly higher responsibility at several different agencies during the next 30 years. She also worked briefly in the private sector and at the University of Maryland in College Park. As she progressed during the years of her employment with the federal government, she received both promotions and numerous special awards, including several for suggestions to improve the efficiency of federal agency operations. She retired from federal service in 1976 as the editor of NOAA Week, the official newspaper of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In 1942, Kay and Joseph T. Cawley were married in Washington and moved to Greenbelt shortly thereafter, where they lived for nearly 20 years. Mrs. Cawley was involved in St. Hugh’s church-related activities and supported Greenbelt sports leagues and community groups.

The family moved to Wheaton in 1960 and lived there until they moved to North Ft. Myers, Fla., in 1982.

Surviving are a sister, Violet Ross, Monument, Colo.; daughter Kathleen Taylor, Valrico, Fla.; son Joseph Cawley, Mechanicsville, Va.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Cawley was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Joseph T. Cawley, in 2010 and by her sister, Stella A. Wilson. A memorial service was held in DeLand, Fla.

– Joe Cawley, son

Joe Cawley added:

“There are probably a few pioneer Greenbelt residents still alive who will remember my mother. This note may jog their memories of the early 1940s.

It is fair to say that the Greenbelt area today would be almost unrecognizable to its first residents who arrived in the late 1930s. My first memories, 1947, are still vivid – of a small town with a population of 8,000 completely surrounded by farms and forest – an environment that extended for many miles in all directions.

Unlike the current, frantic pace of life now experienced by young people, I grew up in a Greenbelt that was blessed with long, sleepy summers and was a dream world for those of us lucky enough to live there at that time.”

In Memoriam

Peter Hawley Walpole

by Jacqui Walpole

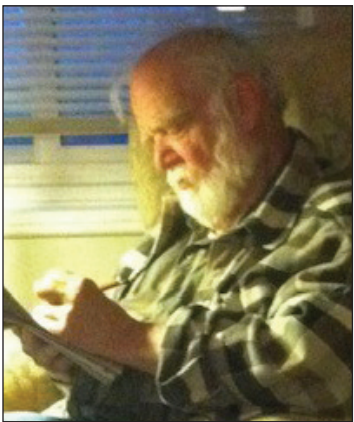


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Peter Hawley Walpole

Peter Hawley Walpole, of Greenbelt, died suddenly on November 5, 2019, at the age of 72. Peter was born in Carlisle, Pa., to Norman and Evelyn (Hawley). He grew up in Montgomery County, Md., attended Albert Einstein High School and graduated from the University of Chicago.

As an electronics engineer with a space physics group at the University of Chicago, Peter worked on Pioneer 10 (first mission to Jupiter), Pioneer 11 (studied the solar wind around Jupiter and Saturn) and Mariner 10 (fly-by Mercury and Venus.) In 1978, Peter moved to Maryland where he worked in a similar capacity with the space physics group at the University of Maryland, College Park. He was involved in various projects as the lead electronics engineer design-

ing instruments to measure solar energy particles on missions such as LICA, STEP, ULEIS and SIT. He also spent time working at Southwest Research Institute. For the last 10 years, Peter worked on a neutron detector project and was largely responsible for the design and implementation of its data acquisition and management system. Peter continued working and mentoring at the University of Maryland until very recently, long after his official retirement.

Peter was a daily visitor to the Greenbelt Library and its used bookstore but his claim to fame was reading while walking, a skill he had practiced since the age of 10. He had a passion for

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Our condolences to the family and friends of early Greenbelt resident Kay Cawley. Recruited by the federal government during World War II, and moving into Greenbelt in 1942, she had a long career at various federal agencies as well as the University of Maryland. She was very active at St. Hugh’s and in the children’s sports leagues as her children, Kathleen and Joseph, grew up here.

Our condolences to friends and family of Peter Hawley Walpole who died on November 5.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Members of the Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Rd. Hyattsville,

Invite all to come to the Thanksgiving Service
Thursday November 28.



There will be reading of selections from the Bible and from Science and Health with key to the Scriptures. Everyone is welcome. Church building will be open at 10 and the service will begin at 10:30.



Trustworthiness is the greatest portal leading unto the tranquility and security of the people. In truth the stability of every affair hath depended and doth depend upon it. All the domains of power, of grandeur and of wealth are illumined by its light.” – Bahá’í Writings

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Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 2 are as follows:

Monday, December 2: stuffed salmon with Newburg sauce, confetti rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fluffy fruit salad, orange juice

Tuesday, December 3: meat-loaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, whole-wheat bread, fresh fruit, apple juice

Wednesday, December 4: All sites closed.

Thursday, December 5: hamburger, baked beans, hot spiced apples, carrot raisin salad, whole-wheat bun, cranberry juice

Friday, December 6: cranberry Dijon chicken, rosemary potatoes, cabbage, whole-wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, grape juice.

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City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2-6

Monday, December 2 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: NRP Multifamily Development Proposal-Capital Office Park (Detailed Site Plan)** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *Live on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *On the Agenda: Planning for Principals' Meeting (January 22, 2019) and Grants Review*

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30am **BUSINESS COFFEE** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road *Live on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Streaming at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv*

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Franklin Park** at Leasing Office, 6220 Springhill Dr.

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30pm **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update, Planning Department Update, and Discussion of 2020 Meeting Schedule*

This schedule is subject to change.
For meeting confirmation please call 301-474-8000.

This holiday season, consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes. Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): funds initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

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Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For more information: 301-474-8000

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Greenbelt Recreation
www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation 301-397-2200

Winter Recreation Activity Guide Now Available!

Registration is ongoing for Greenbelt Residents; Non-resident registration opens on December 2

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

Please visit our website, stop by a recreation center, or give us a call for more information.

BAKE AND WREATH Sale

**Sunday, December 8
10am-2pm
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GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING WITH SANTA

Roosevelt Center, Friday, December 6, 7pm, FREE

Roosevelt Center will sparkle with lights as Greenbelters gather to welcome Santa, who arrives on a fire truck to light the community tree. A musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will herald Santa's grand entrance. Complimentary cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by Greenbelt Recreation. Immediately following the tree lighting, please come inside the Old Greenbelt Theatre and enjoy "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966).

DECO THE HALLS AT THE GREENBELT MUSEUM HOUSE

Friday, December 6, 7pm-9pm, FREE

Visit the Museum house at 10-B Crescent immediately after the City's tree lighting, to see Deco the Halls, an exhibit of art deco and vintage holiday decorations. Take a quick free tour of this fully furnished original Greenbelt home, which sparkles and glows at night. Then peruse the gift shop, freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise. House and gift shop open 7:00pm-9:00pm. For more information, call 301-507-6582 or visit greenbeltmuseum.org.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Greenbelt Community Center

Saturday, December 7, 10am-5pm

Sunday, December 8, 10am-4pm

- FREE all-ages craft workshop: 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Artists' studio open house and sale: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Greenbelt Arts Center café open during all fair hours.



GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET – OUTDOOR HOLIDAY MARKET

Sunday, December 8, 10am-2pm
Behind the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
Information at www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

SANTA'S VISIT

Ages Pre-K+
Saturday, December 7
10am-12pm
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway

Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa!



ELVES' WORKSHOP 39502-1

Ages 6-12
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway Pre-Register 301-397-2200
Saturday, December 7, 1:30pm-3:30pm; \$10 per person
Pre-registration is required. Spend the afternoon with Santa's Elves creating holiday crafts and treats.

NORTH POLE CALLING

Tuesday, December 10 - Thursday, December 12, 6pm-7:30pm
Ages pre-school through second grade – FREE
Complete the informational flyer available online and throughout City facilities for your child's opportunity to chat.

GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Monday, December 9, 7pm at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Gym FREE Hear all your holiday favorites!

Greenbelt Dance Studio: **THE NEW DEAL NUT: A Greenbelt Nutcracker**
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208
Saturday, December 14, 3pm
Sunday, December 15, 11am and 3pm

An original production inspired by holiday favorite, The Nutcracker. Set in Greenbelt past and present, The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker features a range of dance styles performed by a talented cast of dancers from elementary through high school.

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Springhill Lake Elementary School Gets Book Donations

by Mary Ann Tretler

Mary Lou Holt, member of St. Hugh Ladies of Charity, was at a family event and was discussing with her niece, Kellie Colliflower, service projects that the Ladies of Charity were doing in Greenbelt. Colliflower, office manager for a College Park based elevator company, thyssenkrupp Elevator Company, asked how her company could get involved in helping in the community. Holt told her that Springhill Lake Elementary School was in need of books for their students – K through fifth grade – that they could take with them to read and keep at home. Colliflower organized an employee book donation drive at thyssenkrupp Elevator Company for SHLES. Carrie Gardner, librarian at SHLES, was contacted to arrange a delivery date for the books. Gardner was pleased to get donated books for the students to take home before the

holiday break. Five large bins of books were delivered to the school on Thursday, November 21. Gardner will sort the books according to age and the students will come to the library to select their books to take home with them. Colliflower asked Gardner if there were other ways that their company could help and volunteer at the school. Gardner mentioned the need for volunteers to read to the students. Leslie Durakis, account manager, said, “that would be wonderful to be able to read to students.” Company contact information was exchanged and a new partnership formed with SHLES. Gardner said, “the children get so excited that they can keep the books!” *Mary Ann Tretler is the president of the St. Hugh Ladies of Charity.*

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learning about the world around him every single day – and a rare capacity for retaining that knowledge. His love for books – and the decade-long project to digitize his entire collection – is the stuff of family legend. He loved sharing what he knew with others. A single conversation with him might start with a discussion of dark matter or an explanation of an engineering concept and over the next hour touch upon Asterix comics, the latest young adult novels, the storage and uses of cheese (particularly cheddar), the plot of a novel, a chuckle at a joke or story that tickled him and would end with a recommendation to watch a movie, such as The Spy Who Dumped Me, as an engagingly silly escape. And he had a unique generosity and gift as an active listener who took genuine joy in other peoples’ stories and interests, perhaps even more than his own. Peter always wanted to hear how you were doing first and foremost. The oldest of his generation of Walpoles, his strength, kindness and sense of responsibility served as a great model for his younger siblings. He truly was the glue for a family often scattered across the country, always checking in with regular phone calls just to say hi. He loved his family – was enamored of his wife, Jacqui, to the end, and took great pride in the exploits and accomplishments of his four sons. They spoke not as some family members might, all awkward pauses and formal greetings, but instead as great friends do; people who share similar interests and sensibilities and a profound connection. Peter was an enthusiastic chef. His gingerbread was a Thanksgiv-

ing staple and his vegetable casserole, prepared for Jacqui on one of their first dates, was evidently so good it won her heart. Peter’s intellect and remarkable career accomplishments were great enough to rightly secure his legacy. But for the people who loved him, it is his gentle spirit, his kind-hearted nature, his laugh and the light in his eyes that sparked every time he got excited about a subject or amused by a story, more than anything, that will live on in our memories and hearts. Peter is survived by his wife Jacqui, their two sons, Alun, Hugh and his wife, Emily, his two sons Michael and Greg from an earlier marriage, his brothers David, Mark, Andrew and Jonathan and sister Rachel, nieces, nephews and all their families. A celebration of Peter’s life will be held on Saturday, December 7 at 1 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Consider planting a tree in Peter’s memory at the TREEmendous Maryland program: dnr.state.md.us/forests.



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PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSHUA THOMAS

School Board representative Joshua Thomas

ticle in the News Review, Mayor Emmett Jordan indicated, at a June 4 worksession with Prince George’s County Public Schools CEO Dr. Monica Goldson, his “frustration and disappointment over the last four years of inactivity in resolving the issue of whether Greenbelt Station residents can send their high school students to ERHS.” According to Jordan, all relevant factors, from the history of the agreement between the city and the county, to the fact that Greenbelt had annexed the tract of land on which GS had been built to existing regulations all pointed to the fact that GS students ought to be attending GES and ERHS.

The Decision

The actual resolution voted on by the BOE will be implemented for the 2020-2021 school year. It provides for the GS community to be assigned to GES for grades K-5 and ERHS for grades 9-12. Joshua Thomas, District 2 BOE member, said that the decision was a result of several factors, including the persistence of Greenbelt residents and council. Thomas, after recognizing its importance to Greenbelt, advocated for the change among BOE colleagues. Ultimately, according to Thomas, Goldson studied the issue and, like Thomas, met with the Greenbelt council in a worksession at which the issue was discussed. After realizing that the number of students affected would be less than 20 at each school, the CEO and the BOE decided to move forward.

Byrd commented on input from council, saying, “Together with my colleagues on the council, we helped get this done. It took a lot of tough talks and persuasion but, together, we did it.”

Byrd also thanked Thomas for his support of the motion. **Happy Response** GS resident and parent, Raegan Conlin, was very happy with the decision, saying that she and her husband, both educators, “are delighted that Greenbelt residents will be able to attend Greenbelt schools.” She said that the change will “create a more cohesive experience for our children instead of switching from Berwyn Heights to Greenbelt to Riverdale Park,” as GS school assignments are under the current boundary arrangement. She added that, “as educators, my husband and I know the toll that this repeated transition can bear on children both socially and emotionally,” adding that, “they hope that integrating our children into the Greenbelt school system will help us meet and get to know families throughout Greenbelt and better integrate our community into the larger city.” **Next Steps** When asked what the process of incorporating a group of new students into the school would look like, ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill said that the first step will be for the county school board to give him the projected numbers of new students likely to be affected by this decision. He said that this would give him and his staff “enough time to plan for the appropriate staffing levels and to make sure sufficient class sections have been organized.” McNeill added that if ERHS staff projects that the school will need more resources to be able to handle the influx of new students, McNeill would ask the county for the additional resources they would need. He added that they would also need to think about resource needs down the road, as current GS elementary and

middle school aged students progressed to high school. Addressing the school overcrowding issue, Thomas said that the BOE looks at the number of students enrolled in any given school every year and assigns resources accordingly. That process begins with enrollment and extends even beyond the first day of classes. Thomas said that he would “strongly oppose any effort to address overcrowding, for example at ERHS, by adjusting boundaries that would move other students to a different school.” Also thinking about transition issues, Conlin said that her understanding is that “all Prince George’s County public schools in our area are overcrowded, so preparing for the influx of our children is a larger issue beyond our city.” She also said that she “looks forward to hearing about transportation plans, as GS residents were not previously offered busing to Greenbelt schools when we were allowed to transfer over.” Thomas said that the busing issue is the biggest issue the BOE is grappling with. He said that a regional, not just county, shortage of drivers is the main issue. Goldson has established a task force, according to Thomas, made up of various stakeholders. Thomas said the task force hopes to have solved the transportation problem by the start of the 2020-2021 school year. He said, “If you’d really like to help Prince George’s County schools, consider becoming a bus driver.” The decision was summed up by Byrd who said, “The bottom line is letting Greenbelt kids go to Greenbelt schools is common sense, (making) this is a win for common sense. This is a win for Greenbelt Station, and this is a win for Greenbelt.”

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For info: Rusty Beeg @ 301-602-7214
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Greenbelt Lake Dam Repairs Planned for April Completion

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

A front-end loader scoops gravel into the structure that is becoming the new lake dam.

Repairs to the dam at Greenbelt Lake have had a dramatic impact on one of the city’s most beautiful and peaceful parks, causing Greenbelters to wonder how long it will take for the lake and its environment to recover. Major repairs were mandated after the dam was declared a serious hazard by the Maryland Department of the Environment in 2008. It is now estimated that the repairs will be completed by April 1, 2020.

Terri Hruby, director of Planning & Community Development for the City of Greenbelt, reported that for the dam repair project, the lake’s water level was lowered 10 feet and is now around three feet deep over an area of almost three acres. In 2010, a bathymetric survey found that the

depth of the lake ranged from zero to a little over 14 feet at its deepest. Hruby reported that two aerators were installed in the deepest parts of the water remaining in the lake to increase dissolved oxygen levels to sustain aquatic life. She added, “completing the project in colder temperatures has reduced impacts to fisheries.” To assist with aquatic plant regeneration, the city will seed the exposed banks with native species, all of which will grow in persistently saturated and inundated ground (i.e. the fringe of the lake).

Luisa Robles, the city’s sustainability coordinator, stated, “Although many mussels, snails and small fish have perished, they will come back. Species that take longer to grow will take longer to bounce back. However, the lake is seeded with fish every year by Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The fish will have mussel larvae with them so they will be restocked as well.”

According to the Maryland

DNR, trout stocking usually occurs from the middle of March through late May. Their 2019 stocking schedule showed that Greenbelt lake was restocked in early February and twice in April. The 2020 schedule is not yet available.

Robles added, “Migratory birds that usually come to Greenbelt Lake can choose other nearby lakes such as Artemesia for their winter needs. The lake will be back to normal in a couple of months.”

A greenbeltmd.gov update from October 19 stated, “required repairs include: installing chimney filter and toe drain downstream slope of embankment to protect the stability of the dam, raising the embankment by 14 inches to accommodate larger storm events, rebuilding the spillway flume to control the flow of water leaving the lake and re-constructing the collapsed lake drain and returning it to an operative state.”

To learn more about species native to Maryland that might be seen around Greenbelt Lake, visit dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/mdwllists.aspx.

For project information and updates, visit greenbeltmd.gov/greenbelt_lake_dam_repairs or contact Terri Hruby at thruby@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Police Offer Tips To Community Bike Task Force

by John Campanile

The Greenbelt Bicycle Task Force met with Greenbelt Police officers on November 13 to discuss issues facing and concerning Greenbelt bicyclists.

First, police shared a few statistics. In regard to bicycle thefts, the city averages 12 stolen bicycles per year. Of those stolen during the last three years, only one owner knew the bike’s serial number, a key factor when it comes to reclaiming a bike. In addition, of the three sections of Greenbelt – East, West, and Old – Old Greenbelt is lowest in overall crime, but highest in bicycle thefts, followed by Beltway Plaza.

As is often the case, prevention is the key. Officers advised bicyclists to get a good, secure lock and use it. Even on errands that involve leaving the bike for a brief time, as in running into a convenience store or mailing a letter at the post office, it only takes seconds for someone to ride off with a bike. It also helps to have the bike registered so the police can return it should the bike be found. Drop by the police station at Crescent and Ivy Roads to register the bike. Be sure to have its serial number. It will only take a few minutes.

Among the other discussion topics, the officers stressed the need for bicyclists to follow the rules of the road, which is required of anyone operating a vehicle, two wheels or four. Avoid sidewalks, respect the stop signs and oncoming traffic, and always ride defensively. And a note to motorists, drive responsibly and respect everyone’s road rights.

Any bicyclist encountering an aggressive driver should pull over, get the tag number if possible, and report the incident to the police. As one of the officers stated, “Don’t be a bull when bicycling.”

Regarding the number of accidents, there are far more involving pedestrians and motorists than there are involving bicyclists. Statistics vary month-to-month, even day-by-day. In the past year there has been only one incident in Greenbelt involving a bicyclist. But on one recent day, four pedestrians were struck by motorists.

The task force thanks all of the officers who attended the meeting, especially Lt. Timothy White for his help in organizing. The task force hopes to have more of these forums in the future.





GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136 RESTAURANT

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December’s Monthly Specials



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Commander’s Café Broiled Scallops Or Pork Chops	HOURS OF OPERATION Saturday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Breakfast) Sunday: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Dinner) Monday & Tuesday: Closed Wednesday & Thursday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday: 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM		4 Lunch: Hot Turkey Sandwich Dinner: Pork ‘n’ Sauerkraut	5 Lunch: San Antonio Taco Salad Rib Nite	6 Lunch: Salmon Cake Dinner: Beer Battered Haddock	7 Steak ‘n’ Shrimp
8 Commander’s Café Breakfast Only	<div><p>Greenbelt Unit #136 American Legion Auxiliary presents... Our Annual Craft Bazaar Hand Made Items - Raffles Refreshments - Bake Sale Saturday, November 30, 2019 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM</p><p>6900 Greenbelt Road (MD RTE 193) For info: Rusty Beeg @ (301) 602-7214 or email: rbeeg5908@gmail.com</p></div>		11 Lunch: Reuben Sandwich Dinner: Meatloaf Platter	12 Lunch: Steak ‘n’ Cheese Sub Fried Chicken Nite	13 Lunch: Fried Flounder Dinner: Jumbo Lump Crab Cake	14 Prime Rib Au Jus
15 Commander’s Café Mahi Mahi Or Flat Iron Steak			18 Lunch: Tuna Melt Dinner: Spaghetti ‘n’ Homemade Meatballs	19 Lunch: Crab Cake Sandwich Rib Nite	20 Lunch: Fried Scallops Dinner: Broiled Salmon	21 Lamb Chops
22 Commander’s Café Stuffed Shrimp Or Filet Mignon			25 Restaurant Closed Merry Christmas	26 Lunch: Smothered Chicken Steak Nite	27 Lunch: Shrimp Salad Dinner: Seafood Platter	28 Seafood Fettuccini
29 Commander’s Café Panko Crusted Roughy Or Fried Chicken	<div>Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Restaurant 10% OFF Saturday Night Meals <i>Does NOT include alcoholic beverages.</i> <i>Offer only valid with coupon.</i></div>		<div>While you are here enjoying a lunch or dinner, look into how you too could join the Legion, Sons of the American Legion or Auxiliary Unit #136. By joining you can participate in many different events and activities at the Post throughout the year. Visit us on the web at http://www.greenbeltmdpost136.org</div>		<div></div>	

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Cutting
November 16, 3 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A man inside TGI Fridays became involved in a verbal dispute with another man with whom he has had previous encounters. In the parking lot they both became involved in another verbal altercation which became physical and one man cut the other on the side of the head with what was believed to be a knife. The man who was cut was transported to the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment. The other fled in a white Buick.

Fraud
November 13, 11 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Two men approached another man who was getting into his vehicle and showed him a wrapped bundle that they said contained a large sum of money. They told the man they wanted to give the money away and that if he went to his bank and withdrew good faith money, he could have a share of the found money. After he got the

money from the bank and gave it to the two men, they gave the bundle to him and left. He later discovered that the bundle contained cut up newspaper instead of money.

Indecent Exposure
November 19, 7:10 p.m. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man exposed himself to a woman shopping at T.J. Maxx and then fled.

Burglary
November 14, 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. Video game players, accessories, games and a laptop computer were taken from a secured residence.

November 15, 3:30 p.m., 100 block Hedgewood Drive. Money and personal documents were taken from a residence after the kitchen door was forced open.

Vehicle Crime
A white 2015 Jeep Wrangler with Maryland tags 9DM2773 was taken on November 15 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

A catalytic converter was taken from the 7900 block Mandan Road on November 19.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Greenbelt Community Group Email Listserv Moves to Io

by Fatemeh Paryavi

Some people in Greenbelt do not like to make use of social media., but still want the immediacy and other advantages of technology.

This became apparent when the Greenbelt Community Group (GCG), a Yahoo listserv, announced that Yahoo would no longer support the system.

Group Manager Leah Cohen, explained that GCG is a "... resource for posting events and questions that people who live in Greenbelt may have." It started in 2007. When she posted a question recently, asking if members wanted to move to a new system or end the listserv, the response was immediate and big: Move.

Cohen commented that she and many of the group members are not enthusiastic about mov-

ing to a Facebook server because community forums should be open and public. Sylvia Lewis, advertising manager of the Greenbelt News Review, said, "It's always nice to have the Greenbelt Community Group to get the word out to everyone," but agreed that she would not be likely to use Facebook.

Cohen concluded that "what becomes of it (the group) will be up to the people who use it."

The original subscriber list will not be automatically added to the new group. Greenbelt Community subscribers who wish to remain in the group as it moves will need to re-subscribe. Previous or new subscribers may join the Greenbelt Community group by visiting greenbeltcommunity.groups.io/g/main.



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and accomplishments.

Much discussion focused on the review board. Krauk made it clear that CRAB was in no way looking to usurp authority of either the police or the city manager, but were looking to ease the burden from both. It would seek to help to resolve misunderstandings before the process begins and help shape issues if an initial resolution is not forthcoming.

Police Chief Rick Bowers informed council on the established system already in place, mandated by the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights, to investigate and discipline officers. While not against the idea of a civilian review board, he said the approach is most effective in large jurisdictions, which Greenbelt is not, adding that complaints about police conduct are infrequent in Greenbelt, averaging 20 a year. Captain Tim White asserted that the concept works effectively for less serious courtesy complaints, yet becomes problematic regarding more serious issues, as it can interfere with the codified, internal procedure. Bowers was open to something that would be amenable to both police and the

community. Council concurred with this. Councilmember Judith Davis said that the idea was a nugget of something good that can happen.

Bowers said that the department has a software system that monitors police conduct patterns and that with the advent of mandatory body cameras, investigations can be accomplished speedily. Mayor Colin Byrd, while applauding the low complaint number, stressed that it only takes one unfortunate event to stain an entire department.

The federal 1033 Program supplies Department of Defense surplus equipment, free of charge, to state and local law enforcement agencies. This includes weaponry, defensive items like vests and helmets, vehicles and even office supplies.

The petition given to CRAB was signed by "Greenbelters who do not want military equipment as part of our police department's arsenal and who do not want the police considering the public to be the enemy."

Bowers said that military equipment "is not used much" by the department, but empha-

sized that every "mission has the right tool," that it is crucial to have certain equipment if the need arises. White stated that the department is committed to differentiate situations in order to know when and when not to use such equipment. The department has an armored personnel carrier that has been used infrequently, mostly in severe weather emergencies.

Krauk said that the crux of the argument is to avoid the appearance of militarization, which induces fear in the community and creates an us vs. them environment. CRAB created a detailed checklist recommendation that would focus on the acquiring of any equipment to only the most necessary. The report hopes that using such military equipment "remains a rare exception and does not become the norm."

Council praised CRAB for its intensive and deliberative efforts on both reports and would strongly consider its recommendations.

White closed the meeting by lauding the imminent awarding of the Bronze Star to four Greenbelt officers, one of whom, Sergeant Jermaine Gullledge, was present.

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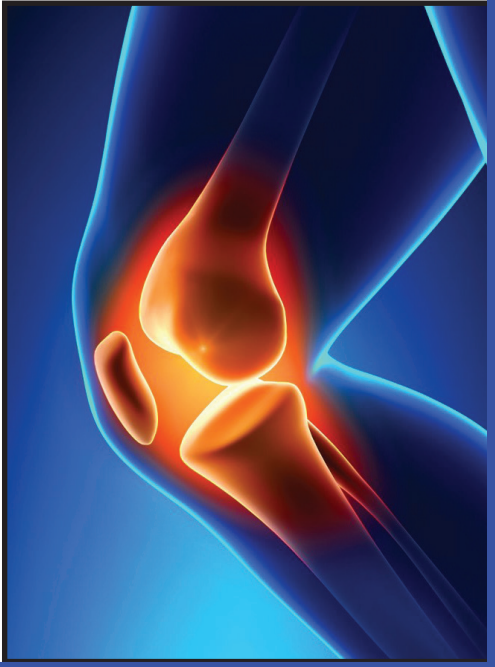
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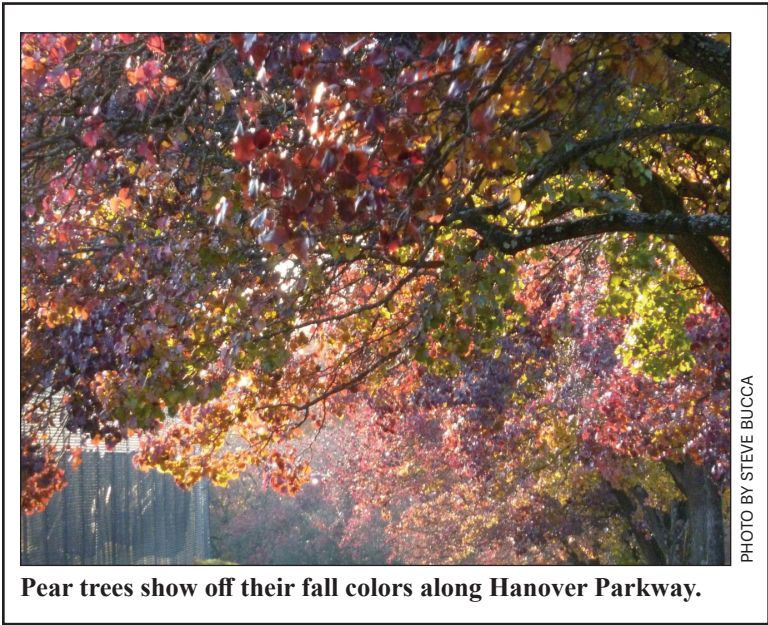
Nuclear War Condemned At Reel and Meal in October

by Donna Hoffmeister

The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons was the documentary featured at the October 21 Reel & Meal at the New Deal film series. The title refers to the 2017 U.N. Prohibitions of Nuclear Weapons Treaty. Tony Robinson, co-director of the film, is a partner of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for promoting the ban treaty. Hiroshima survivor Setsuko Thurlow, portrayed in the film, coined the movie title in her Nobel Laureate Speech in December 2017. The treaty was an initiative of activists from 120 nations, who attempted to reignite an interest in nuclear non-proliferation that has waned in recent years. So far, the treaty has been ratified by 34 nations; 50 are required to put it into effect. The U.S. government does not appear to be inclined to curb the use of nuclear weapons, even though recent polls show a near majority of U.S. citizens favor their abolition by all countries.

Dr. Gwen DuBois, president of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility and board member of national PSR, led the discussion after the screening. As happens frequently with this film series, the 30-member audience had seven newcomers who had never been to the café previously. DuBois had a personal connection to the film, since she participated as a citizen lobbyist at the U.N. preparatory meetings for the 2017 ban treaty. In her remarks she emphasized how citizens should get involved at the local level in preventing nuclear war. She urged the audience to get state, county and city governments, faith and civic organizations to sign the Back from the Brink Resolution at preventnuclearwar.org. The resolution aims to bring pressure on the federal government to declare a no-first-use policy, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and reducing planned spending over the next 30 years of some \$1.7 trillion on enhancing the U.S. nuclear arsenal. DuBois herself was successful in getting Baltimore, her native city, to sign the resolution. “We need to get Prince George’s County Council,” she said, to sign the resolution. Melvin Hardy, an audience member

who traveled from D.C. to see the film, was successful in getting the Washington City Council to sign the resolution. He stressed how important it is to get young people involved through new media and art. So far Maryland-based endorsers – civic, policy, faith, peace groups – number about 25. Nationwide, over 30 city governments have passed such resolutions. The audience had one skeptic who believes a nuclear arsenal provides nuclear deterrence. A Takoma Park resident, Diane D’Arrigo, Radioactive Waste Project Director at the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, actively debated with him. She was joined by two Buddhist women in the audience who argued for pursuing verifiable disarmament agreements. A final word came from Greenbelt resident Vijay Parameshwaran, who read from Arundhati Roy’s chilling, apocalyptic essay about India’s Nuclear Bomb, The End of Imagination, “If there is a nuclear war, our foes will not be China or America or even each other. Our foe will be the earth herself. Our cities and forests, our fields and villages will burn for days. Rivers will turn to poison. The air will become fire. The wind will spread the flames. When everything there is to burn has burned and the fires die, smoke will rise and shut out the sun. The earth will be enveloped in darkness. There will be no day – only interminable night.” After the official discussion ended at 10 p.m., people continued animated debates in small circles around the room.



Pear trees show off their fall colors along Hanover Parkway.

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Census Workshop Considers How to Increase Participation

by Kaitlyn Cupelli

With Census Day fast approaching, it’s important to know both what the U.S. Census is and how to participate in it. Thomas Johnson, the 2020 Census project manager for Prince George’s County, conducted a workshop Saturday, November 23 at the Community Center to help spread awareness about the upcoming Census and invite Greenbelt residents to generate ideas about how to get others to participate. The event was hosted by the city’s Office of Planning and Community Development, and directly coordinated by Community Planner Molly Porter.

There were eight people who attended the meeting. Greenbelt is considered a hard-to-count area, which means it tends to have a lower response rate than some of the other areas in Prince George’s County. Targeting those areas is especially important if there’s going to be an accurate count in 2020.

“There needs to be some outreach efforts,” Johnson said. “Really looking at the people and groups in your community that can reach the people who need to be reached.”

Ideas from those in attendance at the workshop included having people complete their census form at the Community Center or Springhill Lake Recreation Center, handing census informational flyers out to Greenbelt students that they can pass on to their parents and planning other special events within the community to inform others about the census.

The U.S. Census is a national population count that occurs ev-

ery 10 years. Census results determine the number of legislators that states have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as how much funding communities receive for public services such as schools and hospitals. For Prince George’s County, each person is worth an estimated \$18,250 over a 10-year period. That means the county could miss out on \$18,250 for each person who goes uncounted.

2020 will be the first year that people can complete the census form online, by mail or on the phone. “It should take less time to complete than it takes to finish your morning coffee,” said Johnson.

Census Day is April 1, 2020, but residents will be able to complete their census form starting on March 12. Some households will receive invitations through the mail while others will receive online invitations. The Census collects basic information about the people living in each household: name, age, birthday, race and gender. Everyone in a household should be included. If there are two families living in one household, they can be counted on one form. It will never ask for a social security number, credit card information or donations.

Note that the citizenship question posed by President Trump will not appear on the 2020 Census. The Supreme Court, by a vote of 5 to 4, remanded the case to the federal trial court for further evidentiary hearings.

The data and personal information collected by the Census cannot be accessed by law enforcement agencies, according to the Prince George’s County Police Department.

“We just want an accurate count, that’s all we want,” Johnson said. For more information on the 2020 Census, visit PGcensus2020.org.

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Council Considers Community Center Lower Level Usage

by Matthew Arbach



The large area in the Community Center has been well used in 2019 by various organizations including Recreation, OGT, and GAC.

Since the departure of the adult day care business in early 2019, the east side of the ground floor of the Community Center has been without a formally designated occupant. The Greenbelt City Council convened a worksession on November 18 to discuss various options for who would make use of this space, as well as the pressing issue of finding space in general to accommodate the many groups and services that the city provides. Council is anxious to find a new occupant soon and make sure that whatever decision is made addresses what is best for the city as a whole.

Consisting of 2,700 square feet, the lower level of the Community Center includes ample meeting space, four to five offices, restrooms and small kitchen facilities. It has been well used since summer, 2019, by a variety of groups including the Recreation Department and Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, among others.

Greg Varda, co-acting director of Recreation, Dr. Liz Park from CARES and Christal Batey, community resource advocate and representative for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, described their needs to council and presented their cases for consideration for the space. At this point the field is open to

other groups as well including the private sector and city government offices.

CARES currently uses the Municipal Building where a lack of space at times impacts the privacy they require when working with their clients. Having a centralized location at the Community Center would enhance their ability to have regular meetings, professionally serve clients and store their confidential files safely. CARES is a strong contender for the space due to its longevity and the myriad of services they offer.

GAIL would also benefit from the space to coordinate all of their year-round geriatric/pediatric nursing services, nursing students and debriefing and documenting.

The Recreation Department has had a presence in the space since the summer of 2019, pro-

viding area for summer camps, arts programs and performance groups. Varda stated that use of the space has enabled Recreation to establish new programs and has increased program enrollment to 7,500 this year. He estimated that a full year in the space could generate \$30,000 to \$40,000 in new revenue. Several community members advocated for the Recreation Department, praising the positive effect it has had on youth and the community.

Council discussed other buildings where space might be available including a nearby property that once housed a doctor's office, the Youth Center and the former St. Hugh's School building. These were speculative and would require funding in order to reconfigure them to meet city needs.

There was also discussion of a general citywide study to assess the current use of space by all city entities in order to see if a redesign could make more space available.

Councilmember Judith Davis summarized the sentiment at the meeting, making sure there were no bad feelings between various departments contending over the space, like "one parent versus another parent." All representatives of the groups interested in using the space expressed solidarity with the city and other departments, no matter the final decision that is made. Councilmember Edward Putens said, "Whatever happens tonight, it's not going to be the end. It's time to look at space and facility needs."



The current Greenbelt artists in residence are Laurence Anderson, Karen Arrington, Chris Corson, Rachel Cross, Mary Gawlik, Gina Mai Denn, Kathy Karlson, and Racquel Keller. Their studios are on the third floor of the Community Center. The public is invited to the Artist in Residence Open Studio and Sale on December 8, 1 to 4 p.m.

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George's County for 50 years," said board president Marsha Voigt. "Donations from churches, individuals, organizations such as Rotary and Lions, CROP walk, Empty Bowls and other fundraisers pay our \$5,500 a month costs for administration and other programs, and have temporarily covered food costs."

In 2019, monetary donations declined over 25 percent, a sudden and dramatic shortfall that threatens the demise of the charity. Voigt explained, "We have only one paid employee, and we have 8,000 hours of donated time every year." Voigt added that in addition to time, about two-thirds of the food is donated.

One explanation for the drop in monetary donations this year could be the new federal tax regulations regarding deductions for charitable donations. Additionally, church communities that have supported Help-By-Phone over its 50-year history have dwindled in size, facing financial challenges of their own. Another trend identified by the leadership of Help-By-Phone is that bigger churches and organizations often focus now on helping members of their own congregation, rather than becoming part of the Help-By-Phone network.

For many years, Help-By-Phone has received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program. This grant, which must be applied for every year, covers about one-third of Help-By-Phone's food costs. But the grant is never guaranteed.

Fundraising is ongoing, but isn't easy. For example, the recent Empty Bowls Project, sponsored by Greenbelt Potters, Mishkan Torah and the Greenbelt

Community Church, raised over \$5,000 for Help-By-Phone. "But that size event is unusual," said Voigt. "We know that asking churches for more is too hard on them. There are no wealthy churches that are a part of our network."

To address the shortfall in funding Voigt said, "We are exploring a lot more usage of social media, and we are looking for assistance from professional fundraisers to give us guidance and help."

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ERHS Concert On December 5

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) band program will present a concert on Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The program will feature the symphonic band, concert band and percussion ensemble under the direction of Rachel Zephir. The concert is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, December 12, the ERHS wind ensemble and chamber groups will perform at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be a preview of the program they are taking to the Midwest Clinic in Chicago later in December, and it is a fundraiser to help pay for the trip. Tickets are available at the door or in advance through Eventbrite. For more information, visit erhsbands.weebly.com.

Artists in Residence Strut Their Stuff

The display case in the main lobby of the Community Center currently displays art from the artists in residence. The exhibit includes work from experienced and award-winning artists with a variety of work including ceramic art, paintings and assemblage art. The exhibit is set to change to one from the Greenbelt Museum on Monday, December 2.



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